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THE US ATTEMPT TO STAKE OUT THE IAEA'S ROLE AS THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION (PNE) SERVICES MET WITH OPPOSITION AT THE SEPTEMBER 13 IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN VIENNA. A RESOLUTION CONTAINING THE BASIC US OBJECTIVE WAS EVENTUALLY PASSED. HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTION, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE OTHER NPT DEPOSITORY POWERS BEFORE SUBMISSION TO THE BOARD, AUTHORIZES IAEA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT, AS SOON AS DEEMED NECESSARY, A SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PNE SERVICES. THE RESOLUTION ALSO EMBODIED THE CONCEPT THAT THE IAGENCY'S PROPOSALS ON PNE'S CONSTITUTE A SET OF PROCEDURES WHICH

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WOULD ADEQUATELY COVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROVISION OF PNE SERVICES.

THE RESOLUTION'S PASSAGE BY THE BOARD SPARKED UNEXPECTED OPPOSITION BY THE UK AND WEST GERMANY. THE BRITISH APPARENTLY WANT TO LEAVE THE OPTION OPEN FOR THE CREATION OF ANOTHER BODY, NOT IN THE IAEA SECRETARIAT, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PNE SERVICES. THE GERMANS APPEAR TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE PROTECTION OF THEIR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN PEN CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES.

IN A CONVERSATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE BOARD MEETING, BORDKHOV, THE FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY (THE RUSSIAN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR PNE QUESTIONS) STATED THAT THE US AND USSR SHOULD INITIATE A BROAD PROGRAM OF COOPERATION ON PNE'S, ONE THAT COULD APPLY TO BOTH US-USSR PROJECTS AND THIRD COUNTRY PROJECTS AS WELL. IN WHAT IS POSSIBLY THE FIRST RUSSIAN STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF PNE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE MOSCOW TREATY OF JULY, BORDKHOV INDICATED THAT THE PNE ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY IS SEPARATE FROM THE TTB-ARTICLE 3 DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT.

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